

The Federal Judicial Center
Presents a
Phase II Orientation Seminar for
Newly Appointed District Judges

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Monday, March 1, 2004

8:30 Greetings and Introductions

Honorable Barbara J. Rothstein
Director, Federal Judicial Center
U.S. District Judge
Western District of Washington

8:35 Overview of Employment Discrimination
Litigation Issues

Presenter
Professor Joel W. Friedman
Tulane University School of Law

9:45 Intermission

10:00 Overview of Employment Discrimination
Litigation Issues (Cont'd)

11:00 Intermission

11:15 Stress Management and Wellness

Presenter
Isaiah M. Zimmerman, Ph.D.
Arlington, Virginia

12:15 Luncheon Intermission

1:30 Honorable Anthony M. Kennedy
Associate Justice, United States Supreme Court

2:00 Services of the Administrative Office of the
U.S. Courts

Presenter
Leonidas Ralph Mecham
Director
Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts

2:30 Intermission

2:45 Magistrate Judge Authority and Utilization

Presenters

Honorable Nina Gershon
Chair, Judicial Conference Committee on the
Administration of the Magistrate Judges System
United States District Judge
Eastern District of New York

Honorable Karen K. Klein
Chair, FJC Committee on Magistrate Judge Education
United States Magistrate Judge
District of North Dakota

3:45 Intermission

4:00 Ethics in the Federal Judiciary: Subjects of
particular concern for new judges, including recusal.
(Spouses are invited to observe.)

Presenters

Honorable William L. Osteen, Sr.
Chair, Judicial Conference Committee on Codes of Conduct
Middle District of North Carolina

Marilyn J. Holmes
Associate General Counsel
Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts

5:15 Adjournment

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5:15 Opening Reception—Outside the Auditorium.
to 6:45

Tuesday, March 2, 2004

8:30 Federal Jurisdiction: Diversity/federal question jurisdiction; removal and remand; supplemental jurisdiction; preemption.

Presenter

James M. Wagstaffe, Esq.
San Francisco, California

9:45 Intermission

10:00 Federal Jurisdiction (Cont'd)

11:15 Intermission

11:30 Federal Jurisdiction (Cont'd)

12:30 Luncheon Intermission

1:45 Civil Case Management Roundtable
Please check the group assignment list for the location of your session, along with topics for discussion.

Group 1: Training Room A

Honorable Jennifer B. Coffman
Eastern District of Kentucky

Group 2: Training Room B

Honorable Paul L. Friedman
District of DC

Group 3: Training Room C

Honorable W. Royal Furgeson
Western District of Texas

Group 4: FJC Conference Room

Honorable Jean C. Hamilton
Eastern District of Missouri

Group 5: FJC Executive Conference Room

Honorable Loretta A. Preska
Southern District of New York

Group 6: Eldridge Conference Room

Honorable Sara S. Vance
Eastern District of Louisiana

3:15 Intermission

3:30 Media Relations (Spouses are invited to observe.)

Presenter

David A. Sellers
Assistant Director
Office of Public Affairs
Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts

4:30 Adjournment

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Supreme Court of the United States

6:00 Reception: West Conference Room

7:00 Dinner: Great Hall

Wednesday, March 3, 2004

- 8:30 Thinking Like a Writer: How to Make Your Opinions Clearer and More Persuasive: This workshop is designed to hone your skills as a writer and an editor of opinion finals. (It will deal with organization and style only, not with substance.) To edit effectively, you should be able to predict the problems you are most likely to see, to diagnose them when you see them, and to cure them quickly. The workshop will discuss--and give examples of--common problems and their cures.

Presenter

Stephen V. Armstrong
Director of Career Development
Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering
Washington, DC

- 9:45 Intermission

- 10:00 Thinking Like a Writer: How to Make Your Opinions Clearer and More Persuasive (Cont'd)

- 11:00 Intermission

- 11:15 Overview of Guideline Sentencing

Presenter

Honorable Charles R. Breyer
Northern District of California

- 12:30 Luncheon Intermission

- 1:45 Criminal Case Management Roundtable
Please report to the same group and location as the Tuesday Roundtable.

- 3:15 Intermission

3:30 A Review of Bankruptcy Jurisdiction: What a district judge needs to know about bankruptcy cases and appeals.

Presenter

Honorable Randall J. Newsome
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge
Northern District of California

4:30 Adjournment

Thursday, March 4, 2004

8:30 The Section 1983 Prima Facie Case and Due Process

Presenter

Professor Sheldon H. Nahmod
Chicago-Kent College of Law
Illinois Institute of Technology

10:15 Intermission

10:30 The Section 1983 Prima Facie Case and Due Process (Cont'd)

11:30 Luncheon Intermission

1:00 Class Action Litigation

Presenter

Honorable Lee H. Rosenthal
Southern District of Texas

2:30 Intermission

2:45 Scientific Evidence: The Awkward Embrace of Science by the Federal Courts

Presenters

Honorable Fern M. Smith
Northern District of California

Joe S. Cecil
Research Division
Federal Judicial Center

4:15 Intermission

4:30 Optional Session: Intellectual Property – Patent Cases

Presenter

George F. Pappas, Esq.
Baltimore, Maryland

6:00 Adjournment

Friday, March 5, 2004

8:30 Federal Habeas Corpus Relief for State and
Federal Prisoners

Presenter

Professor Ira P. Robbins
Washington College of Law
American University

10:00 Intermission

10:15 Federal Habeas Corpus (Cont'd)

11:30 Closing Remarks and Adjournment

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